

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:20 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren, Tucker, Angel and Cooper attending. Councilman Rueger was not present. Others attending were Attorney Funkhouser; Comm. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Webber; Trent VanHaften; Dick Hawley; Mr. Hatfield - Charmane Oil Company; Alice Zenthoefer; Shanna Bergstrom; Vicki Cannato; Sis Claxton; Ann Blackburn; Barry Tanner and Garth Ash - Moore & Associates, Inc.; Randy Stapp; Beth Foster - Mount Vernon Democrat; and Jamie Graber - Posey County News.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilwoman Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Cooper.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles reminded the audience that the meetings are conducted by Robert's Rules of Order and anyone wishing to address the Board should approach the podium and state their name and business.

Mayor Knowles then requested action on the claims presented.

Councilman Cooper moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*CLAIMS\*\*\*\*\*

Water Operating & Maintenance \$ 42,462.47

Water 1997 Refunded Revenue Bond 243,628.44

Water Consumer Meter Deposit 651.00

Water 2001 State Revolving Fund 119,105.29

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the report of the Water Supt.

Supt. Gray reported as most folks are aware, the water tastes and smells awful ! He continued by stating the main cause is that the river is clear, it is low, and as a result, the sunlight is making an abundance of algae. He stated they are trying to combat this by adding carbon, but they will probably just have to wait for the river to rise a little.

Supt. Gray continued his report by stating divers have been down cleaning out the intakes,

which are being choked by zebra mussels. He added the mussels have really choked off the flow, and while the divers are here, they are also trying to locate the buoy anchors. He then stated he has become aware of a customer along Main Street that during construction a few years ago, his water meter got dropped off the computer system - for three years. He stated this happened when a line was moved and the man has generated an estimated bill over that period of time id \$1,500.00. He added the mistake is solely that of the water department but he feels they should split the bill. He further stated the gentleman had two meters and was still paying for the one meter and he did receive a bill for that and assumed the two had been combined onto one billing. He added he feels they should split the difference with the gentleman since it was the fault of the water department.

Councilman Cooper replied it does seem to be the fault of the city.

Mayor Knowles agreed and added they should do something, maybe split it out and pay over time would help the gentleman.

Councilman Cooper stated he would like to table any decision for now until he could think on it for awhile.

Supt. Gray stated the man is willing to pay some of the bill, but not all of it.

Councilman Cooper moved the Board table any decision for now. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Gray continued his report by stating the problem EMC had had in the past of a hole at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> and Harriett was never fixed by EMC. He stated EMC never capped off the line and they have actually found three lines in that hole that need to be reconnected. He added the water department is now in the process of reconnecting all of those valves and the main has been shut off. He stated that area will be out of water for 10 hours from Locust to Evergreen on Harriett.

Councilman Cooper asked if they could do the work in the evening ?

Supt. Gray replied yes, they could.

Councilman Cooper asked that Supt. Gray give advance notice the residents in the area before work starts, if possible.

Supt. Gray stated he can do that, they are actually notifying folks door to door. He added working on that in the evening will be good, help the guys to avoid the heat of the day.

Councilman Cooper stated he would really like for the work to be done overnight, it would cause fewer interruptions in service. He suggested they begin work around 9:00 p.m., if it would not cause a safety issue.

Supt. Gray replied that is fine, and it should be "dry" unless a line or something blows.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

Attorney Funkhouser asked about the jail water pressure issue. He stated he spoke with the county attorney and he indicated the jail infrastructure is the problem, and he wondered if the county fixed that, could the city get good flow out to them.

Supt. Gray replied he has a cost estimate on that project of \$11,000.00 to run the piping out there only, though that does also include valves. He added the sheathing they need will add to the project, but that can not be avoided due to the oil pipeline nearby. He also stated Clark Dietz estimated around \$5,200.00 on engineering fees for the project. He stated there is currently a lot of pressure in the area, but he can not guarantee this fix will totally eliminate the jail's issues.

Councilman Cooper asked if there are any tests the water department can do to find out if there is enough pressure ?

Supt. Gray replied the engineers can conduct those tests.

Councilman Cooper stated they really need to do that due to the expense involved in this project. He then stated they do not want to come up short again.

Supt. Gray agreed and added it may raise the engineering fees a bit, but that would be fine.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

Councilman Cooper asked if Supt. Gray had any idea how long the work on 8<sup>th</sup> and Harriett would take ?

Supt. Gray replied the crew is very good, hopefully just around 10 hours, a couple of days max, the hole will not be open for days on end and hopefully by Friday it will be fixed.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Water Chairman had a report ?

Water Chairman Cooper stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated they have the Financial Report before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is a request for a water tap for Charmane Oil Company.

Mr. Dick Hawley stated he is representing Mr. Hatfield, who is requesting a tap at the

Sauerkraut Lane/Upton Road intersection, north into the right-of-way. He added he does have the paperwork with him this evening.

Attorney Funkhouser asked if Supt. Gray has taken a look at it ?

Supt. Gray replied no, this is the first he has heard of it. He added they will need the locate wire and sand around the line.

Councilman Cooper asked if this is for a residence or a business ?

Mr. Hawley replied it is for a residence, though the company owns the house. He added they have already been in touch with the county and have its permission.

Councilman Cooper asked if Attorney Funkhouser feels the paperwork is in order ?

Attorney Funkhouser replied yes, everything seems to be in order.

Councilman Cooper move permission for the tap be given and the Board sign the agreement. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with the Board voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - absent;

Angel - yes; Cooper - yes.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried unanimously by members present.

Mr. Hawley and Mr. Hatfield left the meeting.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item is Trent VanHaaften with a request for water tap for WSI #2 at the old Weilbrenner Farm location.

Mr. VanHaaften stated the location is actually on Mackey Ferry Road and it seems the easement was not kept track of, though WSI has owned the property since 2000. He added the easement has already been recorded and WSI is aware of the waiver against remonstrance. He also stated the line is already installed, so he took out some of the construction language that usually is included in the agreement. He added they are only asking for signatures tonight.

Attorney Funkhouser stated he did look at the paperwork and it all looks fine to him.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Councilman Tucker stated he believes this is the line that was recently "found", according to Supt. Gray a few meetings ago.

Mr. VanHaaften stated this tap was originally approved when the line was owned by the

Western Black Township Water Association, back in 1990, there will be no tap in so there will also be no tap fee.

Councilman Cooper asked if the tap fee has already been paid ?

Councilman Tucker replied he believes so though there is no record of it.

Supt. Gray stated this line got "dropped" during the changeover and was found again by accident. He added the meter had not been read in several years though there is no outstanding bill. He also stated there is no signature on the annexation papers, but he does feel the tap in was already paid.

Councilman Cooper moved the WSI #2 request to tap be approved. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - absent;

Angel - yes; Cooper - yes.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. VanHaaften thanked the Board and after receiving signatures left the meeting.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

Attorney Funkhouser stated he needs a motion/guidance relative to the Executive Session held earlier.

Councilman Cooper moved the claim be settled per the discussion held in the Executive Session. Seconded by councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with the Board voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - absent;

Angel - yes; Cooper - yes.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated under New Business, she sent the Board copies of a letter she received from IDEM concerning enforcement, etc.

Councilman Cooper replied that yes, he did receive the letter and understands that the test equipment will be in in September ?

Councilman Tucker agreed that was correct, according to the letter.

Mr. Ash of MAI stated the equipment will ship next week.

Mayor Knowles replied that is fine, but that was not what she thought.

Councilman Cooper stated the equipment is being crated now and will soon be ready to ship.

Mayor Knowles then stated that Mr. Flannigan from IDEM contacted her about an inspection they had just conducted at the plant. She added he wanted to make her aware that there needs to be a certified operator on duty at all times, running the plant, and the city currently does not have that, which is not good.

Supt. Gray replied the certification test is hard and over half of those that take it fail the first time. He then added Mr. Bilby failed it 5 times.

Mayor Knowles stated that when EMC ran the plant, there was not a certified operator on duty 24 hours a day, seven days week - NOW it is an issue. She wondered why it was not a problem then, but regardless, they are telling the city now.

Supt. Gray stated he has the training materials now and some of the guys are studying. He added that on August 1<sup>st</sup> there is a short school that he would like to send the whole crew to. He then stated that IDEM understands the city is working on it, Mr. Flannigan knows that. He also added Mr. Martin, due to his age, does not go to the schooling every year, he is allowed to watch tapes and take the tests on the computer, but it seems that EMC "lost" his paperwork. He added hopefully Mr. Martin will be able to get his 14 hours in by the end of the month, that is a priority. He then stated the next test will be in the fall and it is a 12 week course.

Councilman Cooper stated he would like to get it in writing from IDEM that they will not be on the city's back about not have a certified operator and that they are aware the city is trying to get an operator certified.

Supt. Gray replied he can ask.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Cooper.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried and adjourned the meeting.

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Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer